

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the Specification and FIG. 3a have been amended.
Claims 1-11 are pending and under consideration.

OBJECTIONS TO THE DRAWINGS:

It is respectfully submitted that the present amendments overcome the objections.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached drawing includes changes to FIG.3a. The replacement sheet containing FIG. 3a replaces the original sheet. In this FIG., element 15B has been changed to 15E.